

EXHIBIT Y

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

ADVANCEME, INC.)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	6:05-cv-424-LED-JDL
RAPIDPAY LLC, BUSINESS CAPITAL)	PATENT CASE
CORP. and FIRST FUNDS LLC,)	
MERCHANT MONEY TREE, INC.,)	
REACH FINANCIAL, LLC, and FAST)	
TRANSACT, INC. d/b/a SIMPLE CASH)	
)	
Defendants.)	

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TYLER DIVISION

ADVANCEME, INC.,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	6:06-cv-82-LED-JDL
AMERIMERCHANT, LLC,)	PATENT CASE
)	
Defendant.)	

VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION OF: TOM McBREARTY
February 13, 2007

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, the videotape deposition of TOM McBREARTY was taken on behalf of the Defendants First Funds, Merchant Money Tree, Reach Financial, and AmeriMerchant at 7800 East Tufts Avenue, Hyatt Regency, Thunder Pass Room, Denver, Colorado 80237, on February 13, 2007, at 9:32 a.m., before Susan G. Schneider, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within Colorado.

1 and credits to us, and we could put those right on our
2 system.

3 And then the next step in the evolution was
4 that we did all of the -- which is a fairly substantial
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6 IT project, to automate all of this on our mainframe
7 system, which says that we could take in the
8 transactions directly, make the calculations, and they
9 wouldn't have to pass through, I mean, an intermediary,
10 which in this case would be -- in the original case was
11 LeCARD, because we didn't want to -- we didn't want to
fool with the paper.

12 Q. So once you'd automated the processing on your
13 mainframe system, that means Diners Club's mainframe
14 system, right?

15 A. Yes. It's a Citibank system that Diners Club
16 operates on, uh-huh.

17 Q. So once that had occurred, then LeCARD was no
18 longer involved in processing Diners Club/LeCARD
19 electronic transactions; is that correct?

20 A. Yes. That's true.

21 Q. And do you recall when that switch occurred,
22 and does that document DC Exhibit 3 help you at all?

23 A. It certainly -- this is describing -- this
24 document is describing that situation. So you know,
25 when was the work done? Well, I would suggest to you

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So that was the processing fee that Diners
3 Club charged to the restaurant for processing this
4 transaction; is that correct?

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5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Okay. And then going on to the next page?

7 A. This is what was referred to in the letter --
8 in the letter to the restaurants as a letter of change.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And letter of change is a -- was a Diners Club
11 terminology for a letter that was, again, generated by
12 the mainframe to describe something that -- where the
13 payment to the restaurant had a difference than what was
14 submitted to Diners Club; some difference. It could be
15 a chargeback. It could be something, but it explains
16 what the change is --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- between what they sent us and what we were
19 paying them.

20 Q. Okay. And what is this one? Explain what
21 this is.

22 A. Well, and this one would be pulling out -- in
23 the total, it was described -- in the total of \$600 that
24 they submitted, \$100 was a LeCARD charge. So that was
25 going to be put over here, and it refers back to the

1 statement here that says, there's the other \$500.

2 So the \$500 constitutes the -- which would be
3 the regular Diners Club charges and the Carte Blanche
4 charges. This is the \$100. This is the LeCARD charge.

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6 This is telling the restaurant, why is this only 500?

7 We sent -- the restaurant sent us 600. Here's 500.

8 Here's the other 100 that goes, you know, to LeCARD.

9 Q. Okay. And then that's the page that has
10 LC 0004 at the bottom right, right?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And then if we turn to the next page, that
13 page deals with the hundred dollars that is reflected on
14 the previous page; is that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Okay. And what does that page convey to the
17 restaurant?

18 A. I'm sorry. What does this --

19 Q. What is this page that's got LC 0005?

20 A. LC 00005.

21 Q. Okay. Can you explain that to me, please?

22 A. Yes. This -- this is a statement that LeCARD
23 sent to the restaurant to describe what happens with the
24 transaction that was referred to on LC 00004. And that
25 is -- now, this is the reconciliation of that, since the
hundred dollars is the gross transaction, that, you

1 A. Portion.

2 Q. -- is applied to reduce the obligation; is
3 that correct?

4 MS. WILLIAMS: Objection.

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5 Q. (BY MR. SCHUURMAN) So am I --

6 A. Oh, I'm sorry.

7 MS. WALLACE: I think there's an outstanding
8 question.

9 A. I'm sorry. I was --

10 Q. (BY MR. SCHUURMAN) Does that -- that part
11 that you've just referred to, does that mean that the
12 food and beverage portion of a transaction is applied to
13 reduce the obligation, but not the tax and tip amount?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Objection.

16 Q. (BY MR. SCHUURMAN) Okay. And then could you
17 turn to the next page, which is LC 00008. And that is
18 the -- these two pages go together, I understand; that
19 the one appears on the back of the other, the two pages
20 that we've just looked at, the 7 and 8. If you look at
21 LC 00007, it says, "The terms and conditions printed on
22 the reverse of this agreement" -- do you see that in --

23 A. Oh, yeah, yeah. Yes, I --

24 Q. -- "are an integral part of this agreement and
25 CLI and restaurant agree to be bound thereby." So page

1 LC 00008 is the reverse of the previous page?

2 MS. WILLIAMS: Objection.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. (BY MR. SCHUURMAN) Had you ever seen terms
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and conditions of that type?

6 A. Yes. I don't know that I've seen this exact
7 one, but certainly I've seen these, and I would -- so
8 yes.

9 Q. And then if you look at paragraph 5 --
10 paragraph 6, rather, "Restaurant shall maintain its
11 status as a Diners Club member establishment and shall
12 agree to process directly to Diners Club and be paid by
13 Diners Club." Do you see that?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And that's what you discussed earlier, that
16 they had to process directly to Diners Club; is that
17 correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And then what I'd like you to do is to turn to
20 the page that -- the second-last page?

21 A. 11?

22 Q. That's 11, yes, LC 11, and that is -- again,
23 it's a document from LeCARD to Club Lucky?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. And have you ever seen -- did you ever see a

1 -- but we always had the responsibility of delivering
2 the credits to the card member.

3 Q. And how would the card member receive that
4 credit? Would it just be an actual credit reflected on
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6 their statement, or would they actually receive moneys
7 from Diners Club?

8 A. It was on the statement, and we caused it to
9 be -- the statement rendition system, which is part of
10 the card member system, recognized it as -- and we
11 mapped the -- I forget exactly how this worked. We
12 mapped the transaction so that it would -- the charge
13 and the credit would appear together on the statement.
14 So you'd see ABC Restaurant, \$100; LeCARD credit, \$20.
15 And they would always show up together on the statement,
16 so it was netted out in what was the amount. We didn't
17 send money. We netted it in the statement.

18 Q. Okay. And previous to LeCARD's automated
19 system, what would happen to the remaining balance after
20 Diners Club would credit the card member account? Where
21 -- what would happen to that remaining balance?

22 A. Well, we'd take our fee and we'd pay LeCARD.

23 Q. And at that time, were the payments to LeCARD
24 by ACH as well?

25 A. I'm not sure. It -- I don't think there would
have been a good reason for us to pay by check, and if

1 correctly and be able to reconcile, that's all they care
2 about.

3 Q. Right. Mr. McBrearty, I'd like you to look at
4 the document that was marked as Exhibit 3.

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5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. And if you could turn to the page that's
7 LC underscore 00004 in the right-hand corner.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. You explained that the -- that LC 00004 is a
10 letter of change; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that this document would be generated by
13 Clever Ideas --

14 A. No.

15 Q. -- or LeCARD, by LeCARD?

16 A. No.

17 Q. This document is generated by Diners Club?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And is it correct that this letter of
20 change was necessary because the -- these transactions
21 that are reflected here included a hundred-dollar LeCARD
22 transaction?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And when -- at the time that this
25 statement was generated, if Diners club received a

1 LeCARD transaction, they would send the entire
2 transaction to LeCARD; is that correct?

3 A. I don't think so. Let me -- no. That
4 wouldn't -- that's not a correct statement. So it's --
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6 Q. How do you explain what would happen?

7 A. So I would say this: You have to go back and
8 you have to look at these -- these two pieces in its --
9 so Nos. 3 and No. 4 go together. And this, a restaurant
10 was sending in charges directly to Diners Club, and
11 those charges were regular Diners Club charges, Carte
12 Blanche charges, and LeCARD charges, the three types.
13 And that combination was \$600. That's indicated,
14 because it says here in one of these statements that
15 that's what this example is, but -- without finding
16 them, that this is -- they sent in \$600 worth of
17 charges.

18 And what our system did was take that in and
19 say, here's \$600. We owe the restaurant 500. That
20 would be for the Diners Club and Carte Blanche charges.
21 So we're going to pay them \$500, and the system would
22 pay them and generate this statement. But, of course,
23 it doesn't balance with what they sent us, which was
24 \$600, so it -- there's a letter of change comes out that
25 goes with the statement.

And the letter of change is what's just -- the

1 reason it's called "change" is, what's changed from what
2 you sent us to what we paid you. And there can be a lot
3 of reasons that that might be the case, refunds and
4 chargebacks and all. There's a long list of things.

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5 And one of those things is that there was a
6 LeCARD transaction, which is what this is, the
7 hundred-dollar one. And this is telling the merchant,
8 You sent us -- they know they sent us 600. Here's your
9 500. You got paid. And here's the reason that we paid
10 this, because you had a LeCARD transaction, and that's
11 -- we sent the money to LeCARD. And it says in there
12 the reason, LeCARD will settle directly with you.

13 And that's that other math, which is the next
14 page, which is, we tell them that LeCARD is going to
15 settle with them. Then LeCARD actually does, and they
16 send them this document. So that's the continuum.

17 Q. Okay. So I think you answered my question.
18 Maybe I just didn't word it right, but --

19 A. No, I know it's complicated. It's hard not to
20 go through all the steps and pick -- it's hard to pick
21 out one little piece of it, you know.

22 Q. Okay. So let me make sure I understand, then,
23 what you just testified to. So in this context, in this
24 transaction, there was a total amount of \$600?

25 A. Right.

1 Q. 100 of that included a LeCARD transaction?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Diners Club received the transactions from the
4 restaurant --

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5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. -- correct? And upon recognizing that a
7 hundred dollars of the 600 was a LeCARD transaction,
8 Diners Club forwarded that information to LeCARD? Is
9 that -- is that how that worked?

10 A. Yes. Let me give you -- well, we got the
11 hundred-dollar transaction in, and we did several things
12 with it.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. We took our fee. We calculated the 20 percent
15 credit and sent that over to the merchant -- I mean, to
16 the card member system, along with the original
17 transaction.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. So two transactions went to the card member
20 system for billing to the card member, and then we would
21 send the net amount to LeCARD. So we weren't sending
22 LeCARD the hundred dollars. We were sending them the
23 net.

24 Q. Okay. And that's the net minus Diners Club's
25 processing fees, and anything else?

1 A. And the credit to the card member.

2 Q. The credit to the card member. Did Diners
3 Club forward the amount of tax and tip from transactions
4 to restaurants, or was that LeCARD?

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5 A. LeCARD.

6 Q. Mr. McBrearty, were you asked to provide any
7 documents to defendants' counsel in this case?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Were you asked to search for any documents in
10 connection with this litigation?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Have you had any communications regarding this
13 litigation other than at the deposition today?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Is your employer aware that you're attending
16 the deposition today --

17 A. My --

18 Q. -- your former employer?

19 A. My former employer is fully aware, yes. I
20 wanted to make sure that that was the case, you know.

21 Q. Okay. So you at least communicated with
22 Diners Club concerning the deposition today; is that
23 correct?

24 A. Yeah.

25 MS. WALLACE: And, also, I just want to

1 Q. Okay. And then I wanted to refer you to the
2 same Exhibit 3, to pages LC four zeros followed by a 4
3 and four zeros followed by a 5. And I think you
4 explained that pretty clearly, but I just wanted to be
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sure that there's no misunderstanding.

6 For a transaction as reflected in LC 00004,
7 for that transaction, that LeCARD transaction where it
8 says, "LeCARD will settle directly with you" -- do you
9 see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Diners Club, so for that transaction, did all
12 the processing aspects of it, didn't it?

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Objection.

14 MR. SCHUURMAN: What is the objection?

15 MS. WILLIAMS: It's vague.

16 Q. (BY MR. SCHUURMAN) Do you understand my
17 question?

18 A. Ask me again.

19 Q. Okay. Let me -- for that particular
20 transaction that's reflected on this page, this hundred
21 dollars --

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. -- for that transaction, Diners Club handled
24 that transaction by receiving the transaction
25 information from the merchant electronically and

1 authorizing that transaction; is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. In addition, Diners Club would handle that
4 transaction on its mainframe, as you previously
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6 testified; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And the only thing -- and Diners Club would
9 then send the information about the transaction to
10 Clever Ideas and would send the transaction amount to
11 Clever Ideas; is that correct?

12 A. Yes. I'm --

13 Q. Please explain.

14 A. The transaction amount is the troubling term
15 there.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. So I -- but let me just -- the answer is yes,
18 that this letter says that the transaction amount, which
19 was a hundred dollars, was not paid to the restaurant.
20 And this is telling them why.

21 Q. Right.

22 A. And then that hundred dollars, the transaction
23 amount, if you will, then gets manipulated. So the
24 hundred dollars -- we take our fee and put 20 percent
25 over here to the card member, so Clever Ideas is sent
the net of those things. Then Clever Ideas subsequently

1 takes that net and takes the tax and tip, which is
2 another amount.

3 Q. And Clever Ideas then takes and tax and tip
4 out and sends that to the merchant?

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5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And the balance, Clever Ideas applies to
7 reduce the obligation owed to it by the merchant?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. And it doesn't do -- in other words, it
10 doesn't somehow become part of the processing
11 environment?

12 A. No. The processing ends at Diners. Diners
13 Club has done the processing, and we make a payment --
14 we made a payment to LeCARD, and then they further split
15 up that payment.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. It's not -- that's -- there's some processing,
18 but it's not credit card processing.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 And then you were asked a question about what
21 type of information was given to restaurants about how
22 Diners Club and LeCARD operated -- and, again, I'd like
23 you to refer to Diners Club Exhibit 3 -- that certainly
24 the restaurants were told by Clever Ideas-LeCARD that
25 LeCARD transactions were captured electronically and

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I, Susan G. Schneider, a Certified Shorthand
Reporter in and for the State of Colorado hereby certify
to the following:

That the witness, Tom McBrearty, was duly sworn by
me and that the transcript of the oral deposition is a
true record of the testimony given by the witness;

That the deposition transcript was submitted on
_____ to the witness or to the attorney for the
witness for examination, signature and return to me by

1 MARCH 27, 2007.

2 That the amount and time used by each party at the
3 deposition is as follows:

4 Mr. Schuurman: 2 hrs. 29 min.

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5 Ms. Williams: 50 min.

6 That pursuant to information given to the deposition
7 officer at the time said testimony was taken, the
8 following include all parties of record:

9 Sarah Block Wallace, Esq., for the Deponent
10 William G. Schuurman, Esq., for First Funds,
11 Merchant Money Tree, Reach Financial, and
12 AmeriMerchant

13 Shanee Y. Williams, Esq., for Advanceme, Inc.
14 I further certify that I am neither counsel for,
15 related to, nor employed by any of the parties or
16 attorneys in the action in which this proceeding was
17 taken and further, that I am not financially or
otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

16 Further certification requirements pursuant to
Rule 203 of the TRCP will be certified to after they
17 have occurred.

18 Certified to by me this 19th day of February, 2007.

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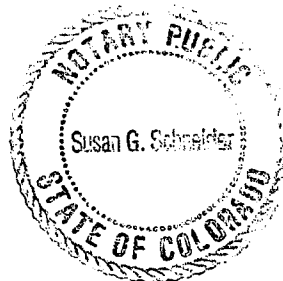
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